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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1702

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Dear Senator McConnell:

Thank you for your January 15, 2004, letter on behalf of [REDACTED] a former Tennessee Valley Authority employee at the Shawnee Steam Plant, concerning the possibility of exposure to chemicals while delivering coal to the Department of Energy (DOE) uranium enrichment plant in Paducah, Kentucky from 1960 through 1990.

On February 18, 2004, members of my staff contacted [REDACTED] to determine if the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) could provide assistance. At that time, [REDACTED] informed my staff that he applied for financial assistance under the DOE compensation plan for workers suffering from deleterious health effects due to exposure to chemicals used at the Paducah Plant, but was turned down. Based on this information, EPA does not have the authority to act on behalf of [REDACTED] since [REDACTED] concern lies outside the Agency's regulatory jurisdiction. We recommend that [REDACTED] contact Ms. Laura Schachter, DOE Public Affairs Specialist, at (859) 219-4010 to address his concern.

If you have questions or need additional information from EPA, please contact me or the Region 4 Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,

J. I. Palmer, Jr.
Regional Administrator

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January 15, 2004

Mr. Edward Krenik
Associate Administrator
Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Krenik:

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I am writing on behalf of a constituent who has contacted me regarding the possibility that chemicals may have blown over ~~the~~ place of employment, the Shawnee Steam Plant. This plant is located next to the uranium enrichment plant in Paducah, Kentucky.

I would appreciate your review and response to my constituent's concerns. Please direct any inquiries and all relevant information to Pamela Simpson in my Washington, D.C. office.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I will look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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